

Foundations of Absolutism



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The Absolutists



Louis XIV
of France



Peter the Great
of Russia



The Fredericks
of Prussia



17th & 18th c.





Their Goal?



Sovereignty

Sovereignty

Supreme and Independent

Power





Medieval kings faced many challenges.

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CHECK!

*They competed in a real
life game of chess.*

CHECK!

1. Church
2. Nobility
3. Representative Bodies
4. Towns
5. Universities

CHECK!

The Church

*The Church was not just
a religious institution in
early modern Europe –
bishops held considerable
wealth and influence.*

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Wealth and Power

Interior of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris

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CHECK!

The Nobility

Medieval kings were heavily dependent on the hereditary warrior aristocracy.



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Feudalism

Lord/Vassal Contracts

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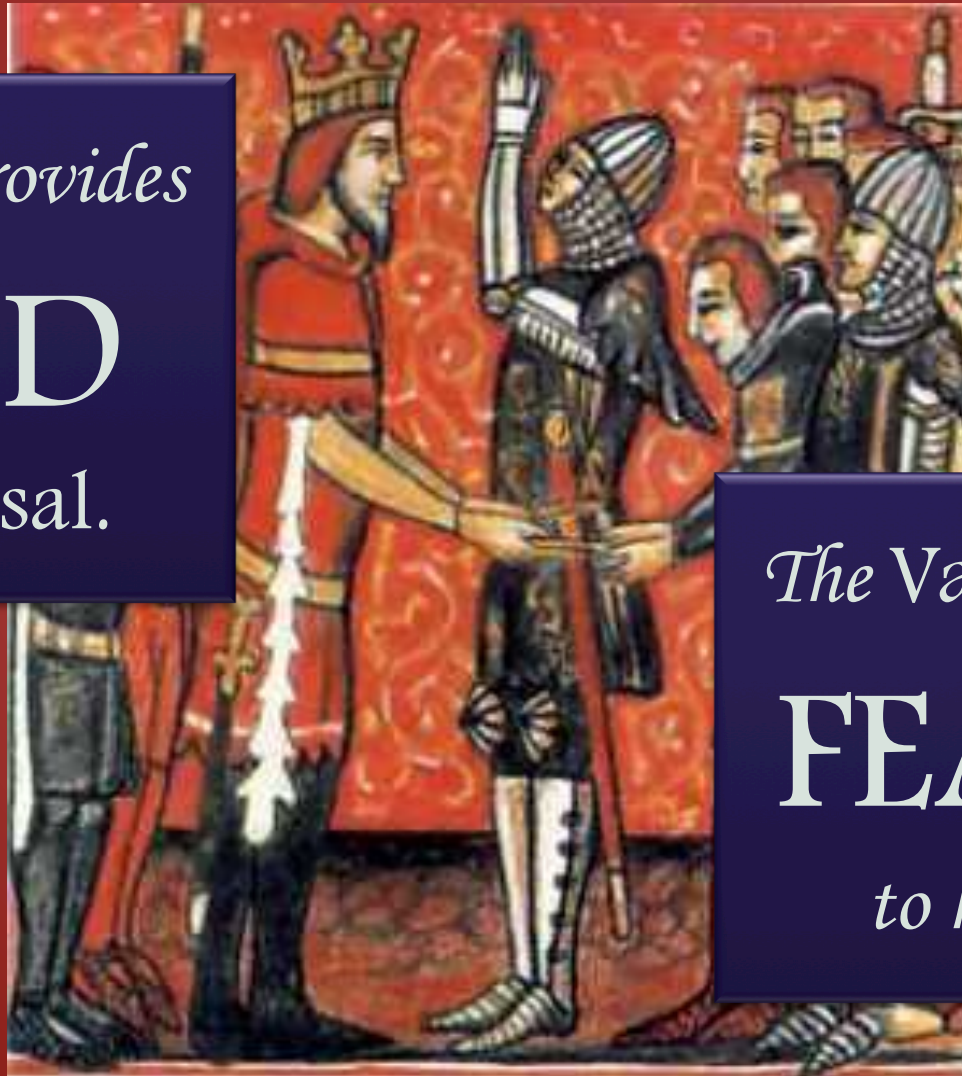
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The Feudal Contract

The King provides

LAND

to his vassal.

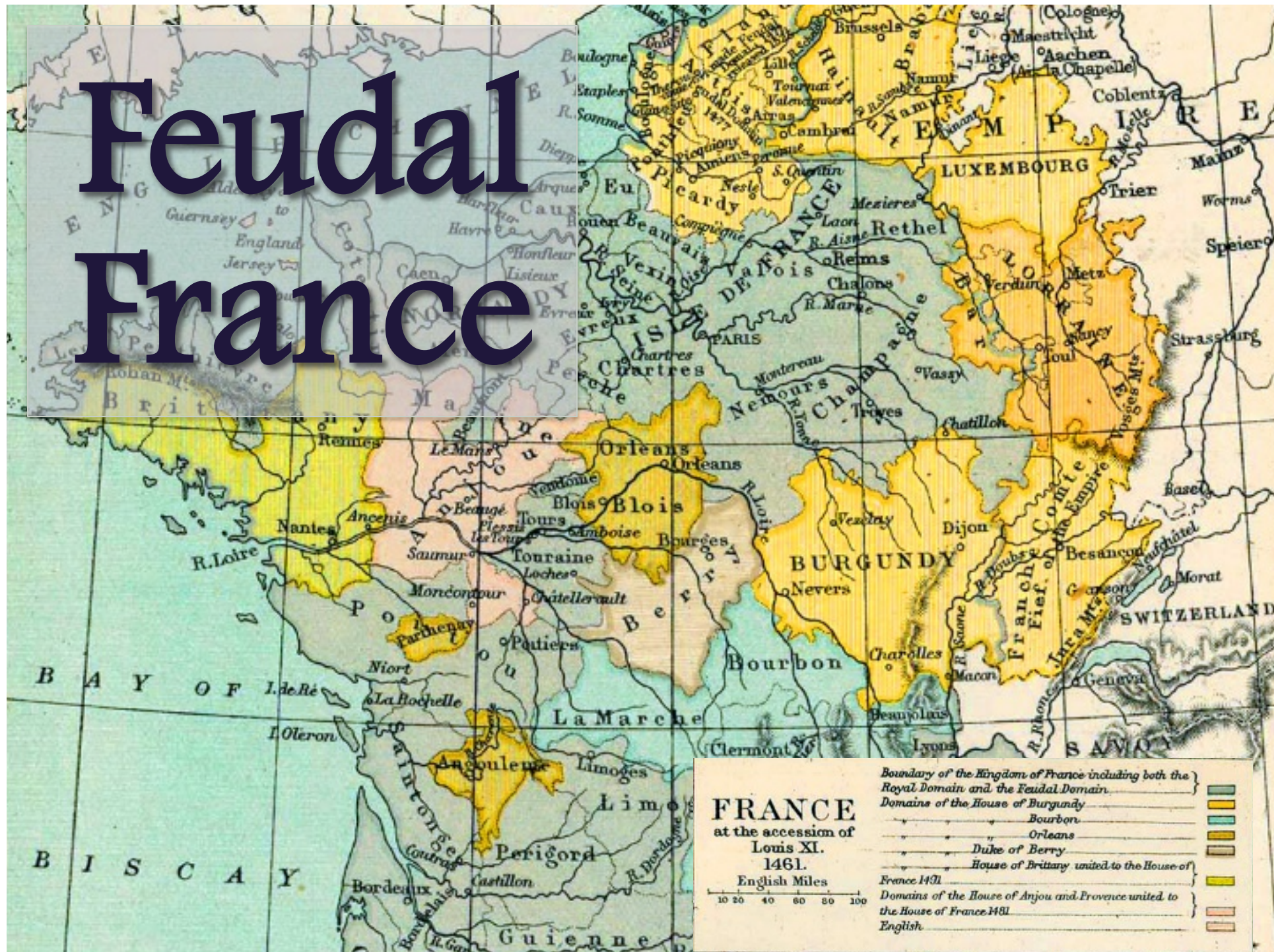


The Vassal swears

FEALTY

to his king.

Feudal France





Banners

Medieval soldiers fought under the banners of their lords – not the king.



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Castles

The most powerful lords were protected behind the walls of fortified castles.

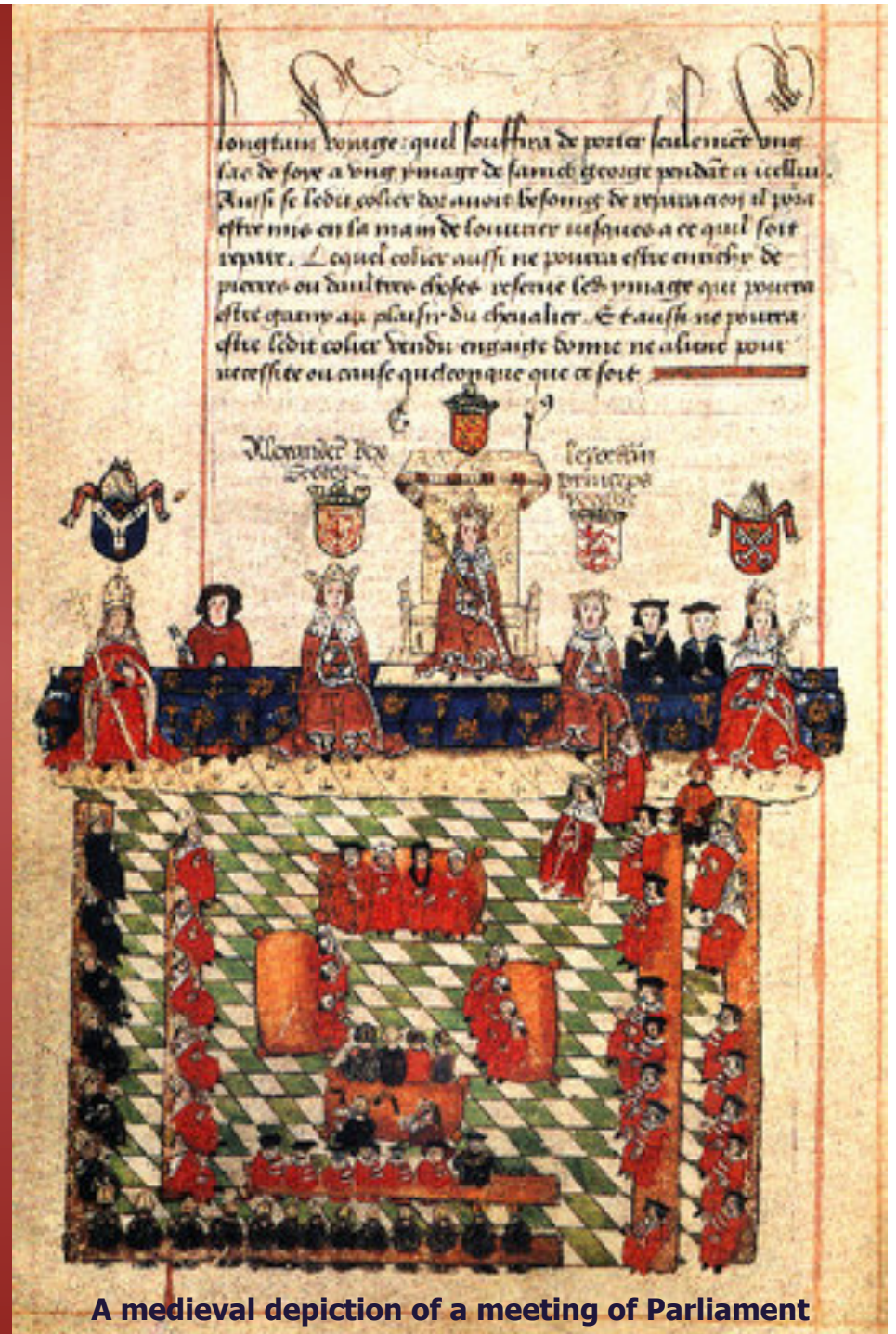
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Representative Bodies



Taxation by CONSENT



A medieval depiction of a meeting of Parliament

CHECK!

Representative Bodies



England: Parliament

France: Estates General

Prussia: Estates



A medieval depiction of a meeting of Parliament

CHECK!

Towns and Cities

Royal charters granted privileges and exemptions from certain taxes and laws.

WALLS



Medieval towns often had fortifications.



CHECK!

Universities

*Universities
typically controlled
by the Church.*

(NOT by the king)



The Absolutist's Goal



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SOVEREIGNTY



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REVIEW

*Which privileged groups
threatened the sovereignty
of kings?*

1. Church
2. Nobility
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